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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/268,080
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First Named Inventor	Lonka et al.
Art Unit	2684
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- ii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. ☐ Other

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

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FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA			SMALL ENTITY	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	20				RATE		RATE
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	17 minus 20 =	•			FEE	\$	FEE
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	1 minus 3 =	•			X \$	=	X \$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d))					+	\$	+
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED – PART II <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: small;"> (Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3) </div>							
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					X \$		X \$
					+		+
					TOTAL		TOTAL
					ADD'L FEE		ADD'L FEE
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	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	•	Minus ***	=	ADDITIONAL FEE		ADDITIONAL FEE
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					X \$		X \$
					+		+
					TOTAL		TOTAL
					ADD'L FEE		ADD'L FEE
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	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(b))	•	Minus ***	=	ADDITIONAL FEE		ADDITIONAL FEE
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(d))					X \$		X \$
					+		+
					TOTAL		TOTAL
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